

Endangered Species Youth Teams!

The Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Jefferson City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will host the 9th Annual Endangered Species Walk/Run on October 13, 2007. This event raises funds for endangered species and healthy habitats in Missouri. The 2007 theme will focus on conserving Missouri's bottomland hardwood forests and swamps. Once covering four million acres in Missouri, we now have only 800,000 acres of bottomland forests left. Ten percent of Missouri's 1,030 species of conservation concern depend on bottomlands for their survival, including the alligator gar, golden mouse, Rafinesque's big-eared bat, cerulean warbler, swamp rabbit and western chicken turtle.

We encourage Youth Teams to participate in the event. It's our hope that kids will have fun walking or running with their friends while learning about conservation and supporting the rare species of Missouri! And, it's all only \$15 a team!

Why: Your contribution will go to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation to help restore habitat, conduct research and support education projects for endangered animals and plants in Missouri.

When: Saturday, October 13, 2007. Rain or shine, 9:00 a.m. start time.

Where: North Jefferson City Pavilion, Jefferson City, Missouri. The pavilion is near the Katy Trail at the intersection of Highways 63 and 54.

Who: All Youth Team participants must be 18 and under. Each team must consist of at least five, but no more than ten youth, and must have an accompanying adult. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and a gift bag. Each team member must submit a signed permission form. If team member is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.

What: Participants may register for a 10K run, a 5K run or a 5K walk, which will all be measured fast and accurately by chip timing. The 5K walkers' course will be separate from the 5K and 10K runners' course. Not all team members have to choose the same race. They can each choose one of the following:

10K Run: The race starts and finishes at the North Jefferson City Pavilion, with the first mile on Oilwell Road, then turn right on the Katy Trail to the trail head, continue east out and back 1.5 miles on the Katy Trail, then finish on the Katy Trail spur to the pavilion.

5K Run: The same course as the 10K minus the 1.5 miles east out and back on the Katy Trail.

5K Walk: Out and back, flat, paved course to the Carl R. Noren River access.

Awards: In addition to the team certificates and a gift bag, team members are eligible for awards given to the first three male and female finishers in each 5K run and 5K walk divisions: 10 and younger, 11-14 and 15-19. The 10K run will have one division for all participants who are 19 and younger.

How: Complete the Youth Team Registration Form and Permission Form for each youth participant and send to: ENDANGERED SPECIES TEAM, Peggy Horner, MDC, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Team registration fee is \$15. Registration Forms must be received by Friday, October 5.

T-Shirts: Each team member who wishes to receive an Endangered Species Walk\Run t-shirt should indicate their size on the registration form and include \$10 per shirt.

Packet Pickup: Race packets, including numbers, will be available for pickup on race day from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. at the North Jefferson City Pavilion. Early pickup: Missouri Department of Conservation headquarters, 2901 W. Truman Blvd. in Jefferson City, October 12, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Safety concerns: No headphones or pets allowed on the trail. Strollers/joggers are welcome, but must stay at the end of the lineup at start.

Team Registration Form

(Please register one adult with at least five, but no more than ten children)

Team Name: _____ School/Sponsor Name: _____
Affiliation: School _____ Church _____ Youth Group _____ Other _____
Contact Person (teacher or other adult): _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Team Member Name (Please print clearly)	Gender (M or F)	Age	Race Course (Specify 10K Run, 5K Run or 5K Walk)	T-shirt* (circle Yes or No)	Size (Please circle t-shirt size. Each t-shirt is \$10.)	
					Youth Size	Adult Size
ADULT:				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
1				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
2				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
3				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
4				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
5				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
6				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
7				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
8				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
9				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL
10				Yes No	M L S	M L XL XXL

* For each team member ordering a t-shirt, please enclose \$15. T-shirts are not provided to team members unless ordered.

Team Registration = \$15
T-shirts @ \$10 each = \$
Total enclosed = \$

Make checks payable to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation.

Mail to: **ENDANGERED SPECIES TEAM**

Denise Price, MDC

P.O. Box 180

Jefferson City, MO 65109

Team Member Permission Form

Team Sponsor: Make sure you make a copy of this form for each member of the team and send them in with the registration form!

Your Name: _____

Parent\Guardian Name: _____

Team name: _____

School\Organization\Sponsor Name: _____

Waiver and Release: I, the undersigned, in consideration for running/walking in the Endangered Species Walk/Run, for myself, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, hereby waive, release and promise not to sue the Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Jefferson City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, race directors, all sponsors, and the officers, agents and employees of those entities for any injury or damage I suffer as a result of my participation in this event. I realize and assume the risks involved in running/walking in an event of this length and nature, and those involved in running/walking on public roads with vehicular traffic and other runners/walkers. I certify that I have properly trained for the event and that I will run/walk it on foot without wearing headphones. I understand that in signing this waiver and release I am giving up valuable rights, though it is not possible to know what damage I might suffer. I am releasing the above named entities from all responsibility or liability. I have read this waiver and release and am signing with full understanding of its full meaning and knowing it is a binding legal document. (Must be signed by a parent or guardian, if participant under 18.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____